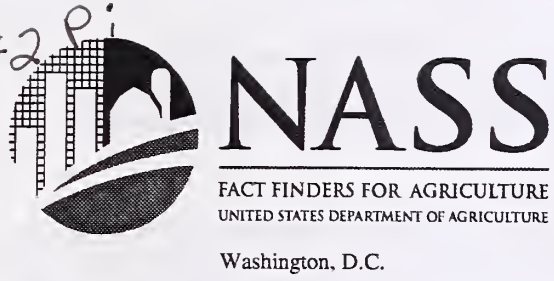


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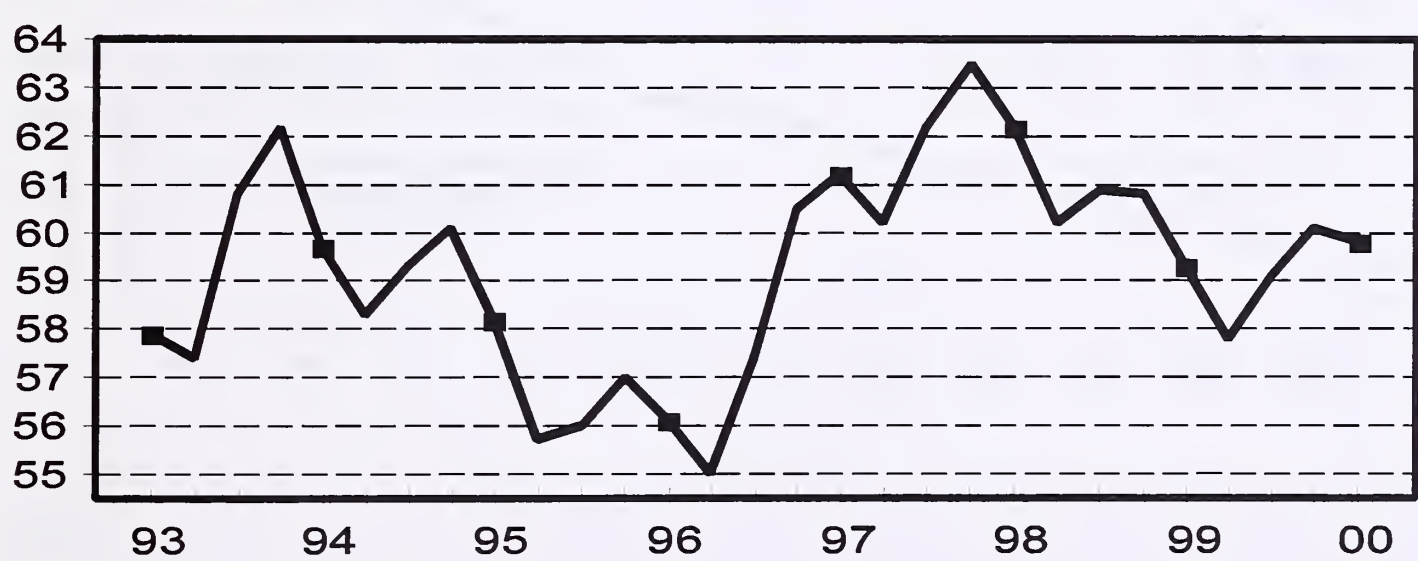
U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2000, was 59.8 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1999, but slightly below September 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.28 million head, was up 1 percent from December 1, 1999, and up slightly from September 1, 2000. **Market hog inventory**, at 53.6 million head, was 1 percent above last year, but slightly below last quarter.

The September-November 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was 2 percent more than 1999, but 1 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.88 pigs saved per litter for the September-November period, compared to 8.78 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1

Million Head



U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the December 2000-February 2001 quarter, 4 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000, and 1 percent above 1999. Intended farrowings for March-May 2001, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2000 but down 2 percent from 1999.

The number of hog operations with hogs totaled 85,760 during 2000, down 13 percent from last year and 25 percent below 1998. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 8 percent of the operations and 72 percent of the inventory. This is the fifth time operations with inventories over 2,000 head have controlled over 50 percent of the total inventory. The number of operations with over 5,000 head of inventory at, 2,095, accounted for 50.5 percent of the total inventory, up from 46.5 percent a year ago. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by these over 5,000 head operations, but raised by contractees, accounted for 30 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 32 percent last year.

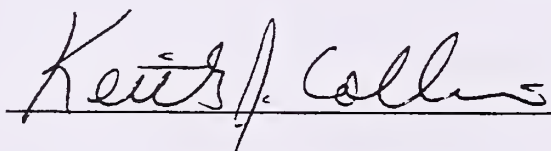
Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 1999 through September 2000 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, import, and export data in U.S. level balance sheets. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one half percent were made to the inventory level for December 1, 1999; March 1, 2000; June 1, 2000; and September 1, 2000. Small adjustments of less than one half percent were also made to the March-May 1999, June-August 1999, September-November 1999, and June-August 2000 pig crops, and less than one percent to the March-May 2000 pig crop.

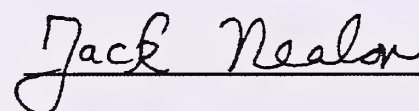
Special Note

Included in this issue, is a new U.S. table with monthly estimates of sow and gilt inventory, and the number of sows and gilts bred (page 20). This data along with monthly farrowing and pig crop estimates, will be included in each Quarterly Hogs and Pigs release, and beginning in January 2001, in the new Monthly Hogs and Pigs release.

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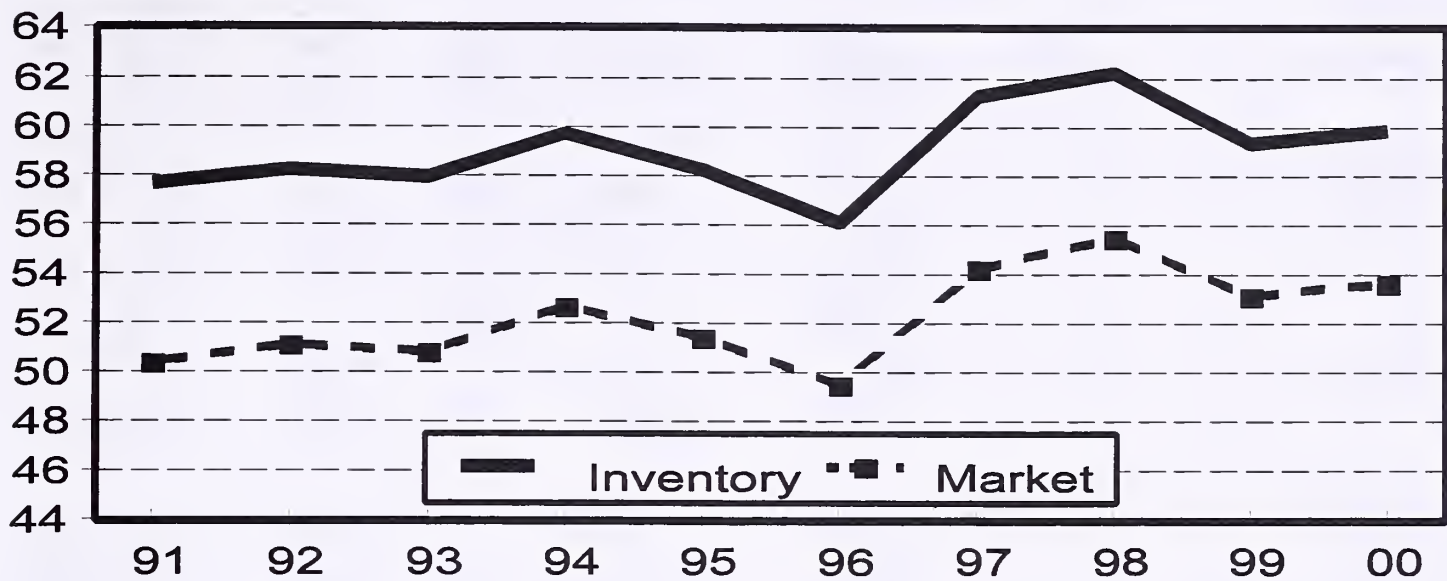
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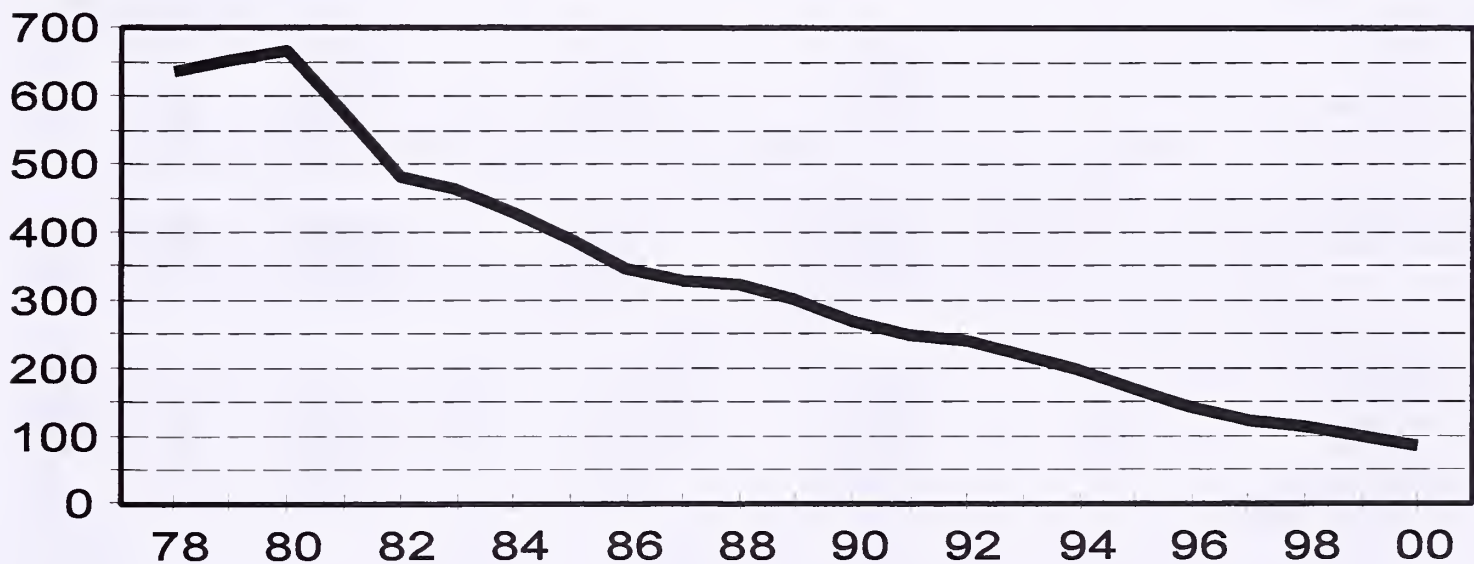
December 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



Number of Hog Operations United States

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**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class, Weight Group,
and Quarter, United States, 1998-2000¹**

Item	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of	
				1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
March 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	60,163	60,191	57,782	96	96
Kept for Breeding	6,942	6,527	6,190	89	95
Market	53,220	53,663	51,593	97	96
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	20,192	19,978	19,217	95	96
60-119 Pounds	12,791	12,899	12,409	97	96
120-179 Pounds	10,774	10,995	10,552	98	96
180 Pounds and Over	9,464	9,792	9,414	99	96
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	62,213	60,896	59,137	95	97
Kept for Breeding	6,958	6,515	6,234	90	96
Market	55,254	54,380	52,904	96	97
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	21,482	20,532	19,907	93	97
60-119 Pounds	13,711	13,501	13,247	97	98
120-179 Pounds	11,084	11,076	10,720	97	97
180 Pounds and Over	8,978	9,272	9,029	101	97
September 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	63,488	60,776	60,065	95	99
Kept for Breeding	6,875	6,301	6,246	91	99
Market	56,612	54,474	53,820	95	99
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	21,189	20,243	20,030	95	99
60-119 Pounds	14,032	13,414	13,315	95	99
120-179 Pounds	11,555	11,129	10,982	95	99
180 Pounds and Over	9,837	9,689	9,492	96	98
December 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	62,206	59,342	59,848	96	101
Kept for Breeding	6,682	6,234	6,275	94	101
Market	55,523	53,109	53,573	96	101
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	20,140	19,241	19,566	97	102
60-119 Pounds	13,631	13,107	13,333	98	102
120-179 Pounds	11,585	11,073	11,051	95	100
180 Pounds and Over	10,168	9,687	9,624	95	99

¹ May not add due to rounding.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pig Crop, and Pigs per Litter,
United States, 1998-2001 ¹**

Item	1998	1999	2000	2001	2000 as % of		2001 as Percent of 2000
					1998	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sows Farrowing							
Dec-Feb ^{2 3}	2,929	2,891	2,798	2,906	96	97	104
Mar-May ³	3,086	2,986	2,890	2,918	94	97	101
Dec-May ^{2 3}	6,014	5,877	5,688	5,825	95	97	102
Jun-Aug	3,054	2,920	2,899		95	99	
Sep-Nov	2,993	2,844	2,875		96	101	
Jun-Nov	6,047	5,764	5,774		95	100	
Pig Crop							
Dec-Feb ²	25,480	25,247	24,522		96	97	
Mar-May	26,989	26,272	25,610		95	97	
Dec-May ²	52,469	51,519	50,132		96	97	
Jun-Aug	26,634	25,862	25,686		96	99	
Sep-Nov	25,902	24,973	25,536		99	102	
Jun-Nov	52,535	50,835	51,222		98	101	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Pigs per Litter							
Dec-Feb ²	8.70	8.73	8.76		101	100	
Mar-May	8.75	8.80	8.86		101	101	
Dec-May ²	8.72	8.77	8.81		101	101	
Jun-Aug	8.72	8.86	8.86		102	100	
Sep-Nov	8.66	8.78	8.88		103	101	
Jun-Nov	8.69	8.82	8.87		102	101	

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² December preceding year.

³ Intentions for 2001.

Pigs per Litter: By Size of Operation, United States, 1999-2000

Pig Crop	Pigs per Litter on Operations Having					
	1-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1,000-1,999 Head	2,000-4,999 Head	5,000+ Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
1999						
Dec-Feb ¹	7.60	8.10	8.20	8.40	8.70	8.90
Mar-May	7.80	8.10	8.30	8.70	8.70	9.00
Jun-Aug	7.80	7.90	8.30	8.50	8.90	9.00
Sep-Nov	7.40	8.40	8.40	8.70	8.80	8.90
2000						
Dec-Feb ¹	7.50	7.90	8.20	8.50	8.70	8.90
Mar-May	7.80	7.90	8.30	8.60	8.80	9.00
Jun-Aug	7.40	7.90	8.30	8.60	8.80	9.00
Sep-Nov	7.60	8.20	8.40	8.80	8.80	9.00

¹ December preceding year.

**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
by State and United States, December 1, 1999-2000¹**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	15	15	100	160	150	94	175	165	94
AK	0.3	0.2	67	1.1	0.6	55	1.4	0.8	57
AZ	19	2	11	121	7	6	140	9	6
AR	110	110	100	600	575	96	710	685	96
CA	25	20	80	165	130	79	190	150	79
CO	210	190	90	700	650	93	910	840	92
CT	0.9	0.9	100	2.6	3.1	119	3.5	4.0	114
DE	5	5	100	22	24	109	27	29	107
FL	7	8	114	33	32	97	40	40	100
GA	60	55	92	420	325	77	480	380	79
HI	5	5	100	23	21	91	28	26	93
ID	4	4	100	18	20	111	22	24	109
IL	420	450	107	3,630	3,750	103	4,050	4,200	104
IN	370	380	103	2,880	3,020	105	3,250	3,400	105
IA	1,160	1,120	97	14,240	14,280	100	15,400	15,400	100
KS	150	160	107	1,310	1,410	108	1,460	1,570	108
KY	55	50	91	405	380	94	460	430	93
LA	4	3	75	25	26	104	29	29	100
ME	1.5	1.5	100	5.5	5.0	91	7.0	6.5	93
MD	6	7	117	49	51	104	55	58	105
MA	3.0	3.0	100	17.0	17.0	100	20.0	20.0	100
MI	120	110	92	860	840	98	980	950	97
MN	560	600	107	4,940	5,200	105	5,500	5,800	105
MS	26	28	108	254	287	113	280	315	113
MO	410	380	93	2,740	2,520	92	3,150	2,900	92
MT	17	18	106	138	137	99	155	155	100
NE	380	360	95	2,620	2,740	105	3,000	3,100	103
NV	1.0	1.0	100	6.5	6.5	100	7.5	7.5	100
NH	0.8	0.9	113	2.7	3.1	115	3.5	4.0	114
NJ	2.0	2.0	100	13.0	12.0	92	15.0	14.0	93
NM	1.2	0.6	50	4.8	2.4	50	6.0	3.0	50
NY	6	10	167	34	70	206	40	80	200
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,400	99	9,500	9,400	99
ND	25	27	108	165	158	96	190	185	97
OH	170	170	100	1,310	1,340	102	1,480	1,510	102
OK	310	340	110	1,950	2,000	103	2,260	2,340	104
OR	5	6	120	25	26	104	30	32	107
PA	120	120	100	930	920	99	1,050	1,040	99
RI	0.5	0.7	140	2.0	2.3	115	2.5	3.0	120
SC	25	25	100	220	265	120	245	290	118
SD	120	140	117	1,140	1,220	107	1,260	1,360	108
TN	30	35	117	220	195	89	250	230	92
TX	80	85	106	790	835	106	870	920	106
UT	70	80	114	450	470	104	520	550	106
VT	0.6	0.7	117	2.4	2.3	96	3.0	3.0	100
VA	34	35	103	336	390	116	370	425	115
WA	4	4	100	26	23	88	30	27	90
WV	2	2	100	10	8	80	12	10	83
WI	65	75	115	505	545	108	570	620	109
WY	18	29	161	87	79	91	105	108	103
US	6,234	6,275	101	53,109	53,573	101	59,342	59,848	101

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**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
State, and United States, December 1, 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	51	54	38	34	35	31	36	31
AK	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
AZ	47	4	25	1	24	1	25	1
AR	210	210	140	135	140	125	110	105
CA	55	32	50	43	35	45	25	10
CO	350	370	115	80	110	85	125	115
CT	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
DE	5	10	5	7	5	3	7	4
FL	17	18	9	8	4	4	3	2
GA	160	120	110	90	80	60	70	55
HI	9	10	7	6	4	3	3	2
ID	7	7	5	5	3	4	3	4
IL	1,270	1,360	900	930	800	810	660	650
IN	1,090	1,140	740	750	580	600	470	530
IA	4,360	4,410	3,770	3,950	3,210	3,170	2,900	2,750
KS	520	495	310	310	230	235	250	370
KY	155	130	115	95	70	85	65	70
LA	9	9	7	8	4	5	5	4
ME	3.5	3.0	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
MD	13	11	12	11	11	13	13	16
MA	6.0	6.5	5.0	5.0	3.7	3.4	2.3	2.1
MI	330	320	205	200	170	170	155	150
MN	1,940	2,100	1,190	1,280	1,030	1,050	780	770
MS	45	55	71	85	70	77	68	70
MO	1,140	1,010	770	680	520	510	310	320
MT	55	51	35	34	26	30	22	22
NE	990	1,020	650	710	550	550	430	460
NV	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
NH	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
NJ	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
NM	1.6	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.2	1.7	0.2
NY	9	28	9	15	8	15	8	12
NC	3,350	3,400	1,950	1,900	1,750	1,700	1,450	1,400
ND	64	60	39	40	35	31	27	27
OH	530	550	320	330	285	280	175	180
OK	820	880	310	370	270	260	550	490
OR	8	9	7	7	5	4	5	6
PA	330	335	250	240	195	190	155	155
RI	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
SC	57	75	62	70	55	60	46	60
SD	370	430	290	310	270	275	210	205
TN	70	70	60	50	40	40	50	35
TX	280	215	190	175	160	200	160	245
UT	180	190	85	110	75	100	110	70
VT	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
VA	114	125	79	92	74	88	69	85
WA	9	8	7	6	5	5	5	4
WV	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	3
WI	165	190	135	135	105	110	100	110
WY	36	34	17	15	17	15	17	15
US	19,241	19,566	13,107	13,333	11,073	11,051	9,687	9,624

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**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
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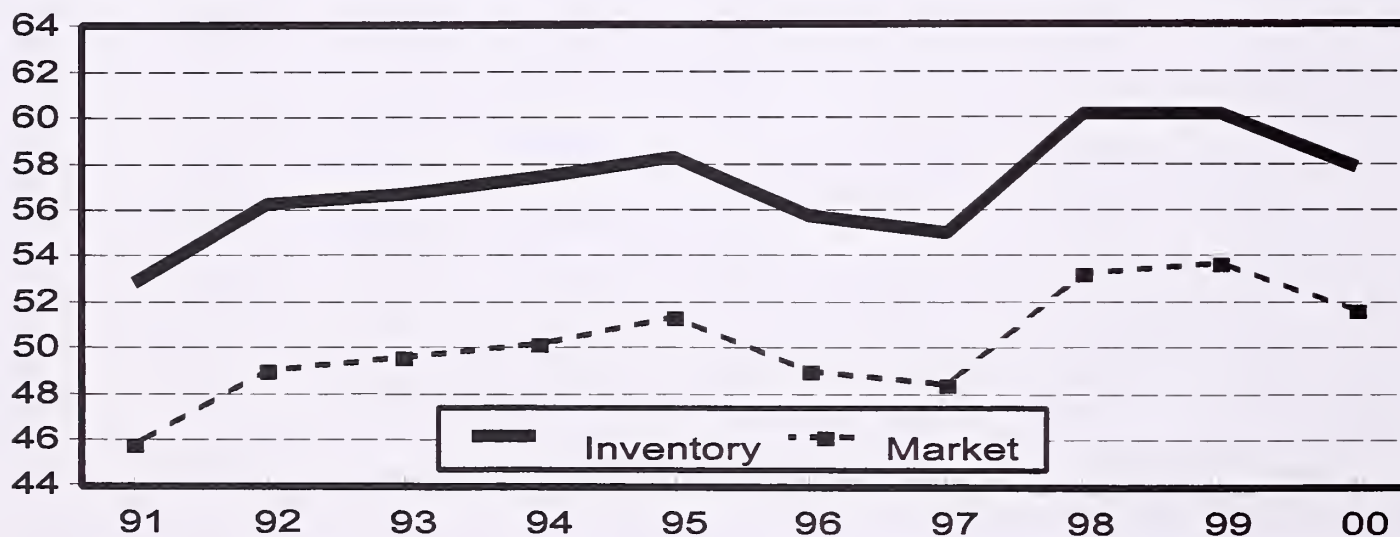
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	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	110	110	100	625	580	93	735	690	94
CO	190	205	108	650	645	99	840	850	101
IL	470	430	91	3,930	3,620	92	4,400	4,050	92
IN	420	350	83	3,430	2,800	82	3,850	3,150	82
IA	1,220	1,160	95	13,580	13,640	100	14,800	14,800	100
KS	165	145	88	1,365	1,255	92	1,530	1,400	92
MI	110	120	109	880	840	95	990	960	97
MN	590	570	97	5,010	4,830	96	5,600	5,400	96
MO	400	380	95	2,700	2,620	97	3,100	3,000	97
NE	420	380	90	2,880	2,620	91	3,300	3,000	91
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,400	99	9,500	9,400	99
OH	195	160	82	1,455	1,270	87	1,650	1,430	87
OK	290	310	107	1,760	1,880	107	2,050	2,190	107
PA	120	120	100	980	870	89	1,100	990	90
SD	130	125	96	1,190	1,105	93	1,320	1,230	93
TX	90	80	89	670	780	116	760	860	113
WI	85	65	76	585	505	86	670	570	85
Oth Sts ²	522	480	92	3,473	3,333	96	3,996	3,812	95
US	6,527	6,190	95	53,663	51,593	96	60,191	57,782	96

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March 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
State, and United States, March 1, 1999-2000¹**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	220	220	155	135	135	125	115	100
CO	335	370	105	90	100	90	110	95
IL	1,410	1,260	900	880	880	820	740	660
IN	1,330	1,100	790	650	710	550	600	500
IA	4,380	4,310	3,480	3,590	2,970	2,970	2,750	2,770
KS	515	510	280	245	255	230	315	270
MI	280	295	225	215	190	170	185	160
MN	1,960	1,910	1,230	1,150	990	960	830	810
MO	1,130	1,140	720	680	510	510	340	290
NE	1,140	1,030	750	630	550	550	440	410
NC	3,400	3,400	1,950	1,950	1,750	1,650	1,400	1,400
OH	580	535	355	290	310	270	210	175
OK	770	840	300	300	240	250	450	490
PA	340	325	250	225	210	180	180	140
SD	410	370	310	280	240	250	230	205
TX	295	245	135	165	110	170	130	200
WI	210	195	135	110	130	100	110	100
Oth Sts ²	1,273	1,162	829	824	715	707	657	639
US	19,978	19,217	12,899	12,409	10,995	10,552	9,792	9,414

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**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
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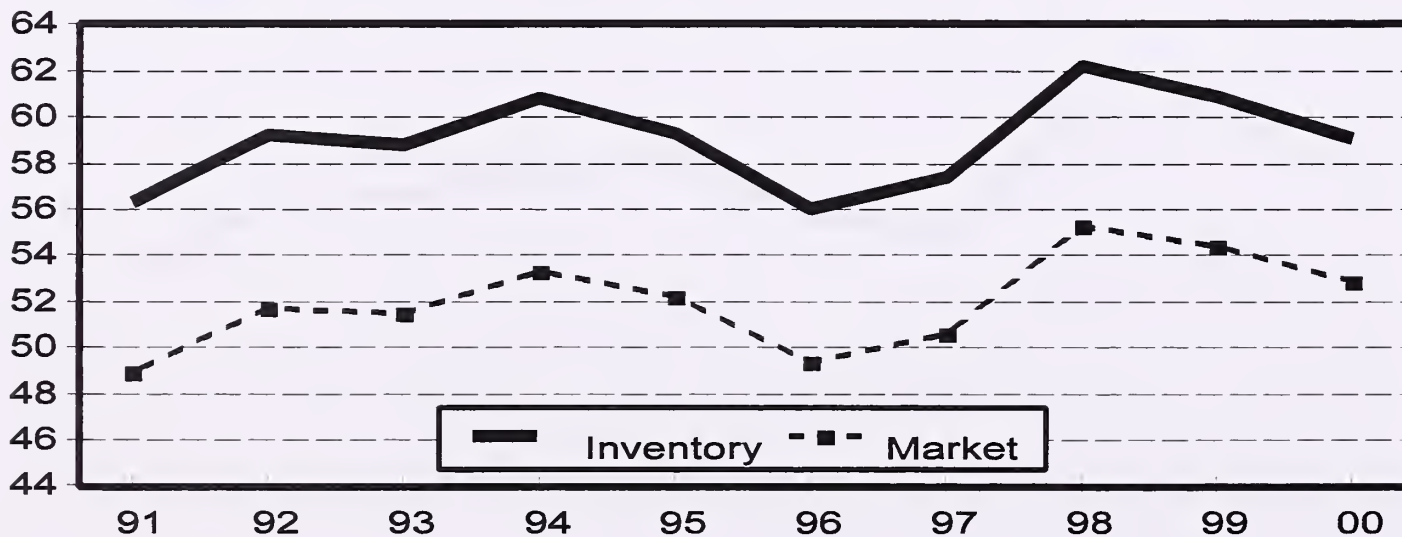
State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	110	110	100	615	580	94	725	690	95
CO	200	210	105	700	680	97	900	890	99
IL	460	430	93	3,890	3,720	96	4,350	4,150	95
IN	410	350	85	3,190	2,900	91	3,600	3,250	90
IA	1,200	1,160	97	14,300	14,240	100	15,500	15,400	99
KS	160	150	94	1,360	1,240	91	1,520	1,390	91
MI	120	110	92	980	880	90	1,100	990	90
MN	600	580	97	5,000	5,120	102	5,600	5,700	102
MO	410	380	93	2,790	2,620	94	3,200	3,000	94
NE	410	370	90	2,790	2,530	91	3,200	2,900	91
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,600	101	9,500	9,600	101
OH	200	160	80	1,450	1,240	86	1,650	1,400	85
OK	310	340	110	1,870	1,950	104	2,180	2,290	105
PA	125	125	100	965	925	96	1,090	1,050	96
SD	130	125	96	1,200	1,105	92	1,330	1,230	92
TX	85	85	100	685	785	115	770	870	113
WI	80	65	81	580	515	89	660	580	88
Oth Sts ²	505	484	96	3,515	3,274	93	4,021	3,757	93
US	6,515	6,234	96	54,380	52,904	97	60,896	59,137	97

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

June 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
State, and United States, June 1, 1999-2000¹**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	220	210	150	135	135	130	110	105
CO	360	390	115	90	115	90	110	110
IL	1,460	1,360	950	920	840	820	640	620
IN	1,230	1,140	810	670	650	570	500	520
IA	4,550	4,480	3,950	4,060	3,050	3,080	2,750	2,620
KS	555	500	290	245	255	235	260	260
MI	430	390	220	200	200	160	130	130
MN	2,000	2,060	1,200	1,250	980	1,020	820	790
MO	1,240	1,150	730	660	520	510	300	300
NE	1,130	1,010	720	640	540	500	400	380
NC	3,400	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,750	1,700	1,350	1,400
OH	590	520	375	290	305	270	180	160
OK	790	840	360	400	270	240	450	470
PA	360	340	250	250	195	195	160	140
SD	430	390	280	310	270	240	220	165
TX	250	230	135	200	140	160	160	195
WI	215	195	130	120	130	110	105	90
Oth Sts ²	1,322	1,202	836	807	731	690	627	574
US	20,532	19,907	13,501	13,247	11,076	10,720	9,272	9,029

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
by State and United States, September 1, 1999-2000 ¹**

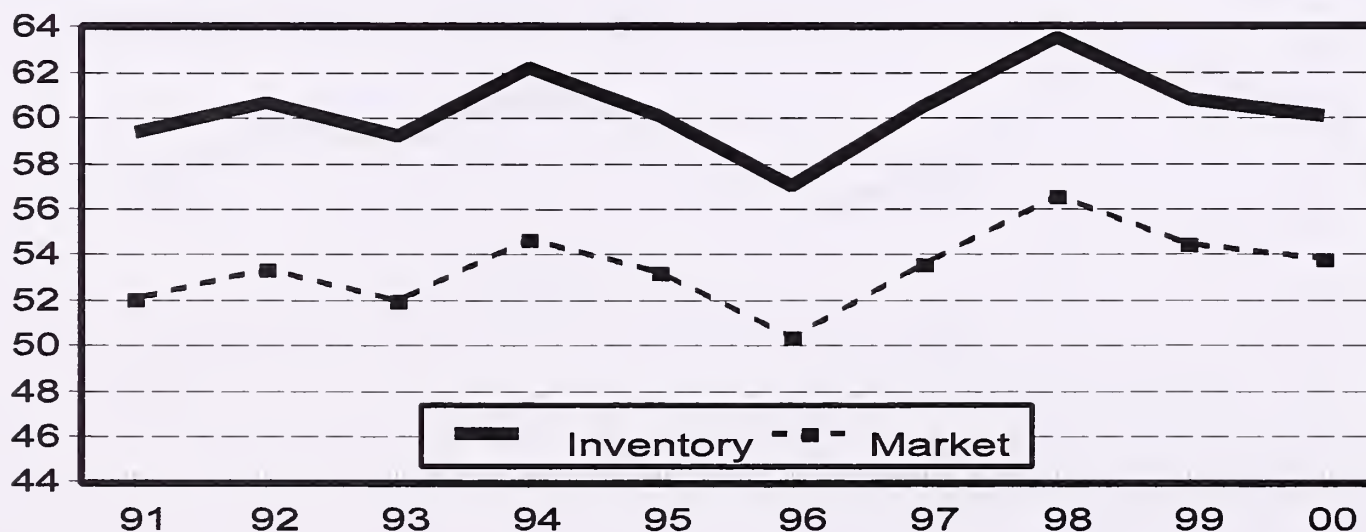
State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	110	105	95	610	575	94	720	680	94
CO	200	205	103	750	685	91	950	890	94
IL	430	420	98	3,770	3,680	98	4,200	4,100	98
IN	400	360	90	3,150	2,940	93	3,550	3,300	93
IA	1,150	1,160	101	14,450	14,340	99	15,600	15,500	99
KS	155	155	100	1,325	1,405	106	1,480	1,560	105
MI	110	110	100	920	910	99	1,030	1,020	99
MN	590	580	98	4,910	5,120	104	5,500	5,700	104
MO	390	380	97	2,710	2,620	97	3,100	3,000	97
NE	360	380	106	2,590	2,670	103	2,950	3,050	103
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,900	8,800	99	9,900	9,800	99
OH	190	160	84	1,400	1,260	90	1,590	1,420	89
OK	330	340	103	2,000	2,010	101	2,330	2,350	101
PA	115	115	100	935	925	99	1,050	1,040	99
SD	125	130	104	1,245	1,150	92	1,370	1,280	93
TX	80	85	106	740	865	117	820	950	116
WI	75	65	87	525	525	100	600	590	98
Oth Sts ²	491	496	101	3,544	3,340	94	4,036	3,835	95
US	6,301	6,246	99	54,474	53,820	99	60,776	60,065	99

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

September 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
State, and United States, September 1, 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	225	215	140	135	135	125	110	100
CO	405	400	125	80	110	80	110	125
IL	1,390	1,290	930	910	820	830	630	650
IN	1,240	1,140	760	710	620	570	530	520
IA	4,660	4,470	3,940	3,950	3,100	3,190	2,750	2,730
KS	555	540	260	295	230	265	280	305
MI	310	350	260	240	190	180	160	140
MN	1,960	2,090	1,180	1,260	970	980	800	790
MO	1,110	1,120	720	690	530	520	350	290
NE	1,070	1,130	600	670	520	490	400	380
NC	3,400	3,400	2,100	2,100	1,850	1,800	1,550	1,500
OH	580	550	350	285	290	255	180	170
OK	830	930	370	330	300	250	500	500
PA	330	340	240	245	200	190	165	150
SD	415	420	320	290	285	255	225	185
TX	270	250	155	180	130	185	185	250
WI	215	195	115	120	100	110	95	100
Oth Sts ²	1,278	1,200	849	825	749	707	669	607
US	20,243	20,030	13,414	13,315	11,129	10,982	9,689	9,492

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

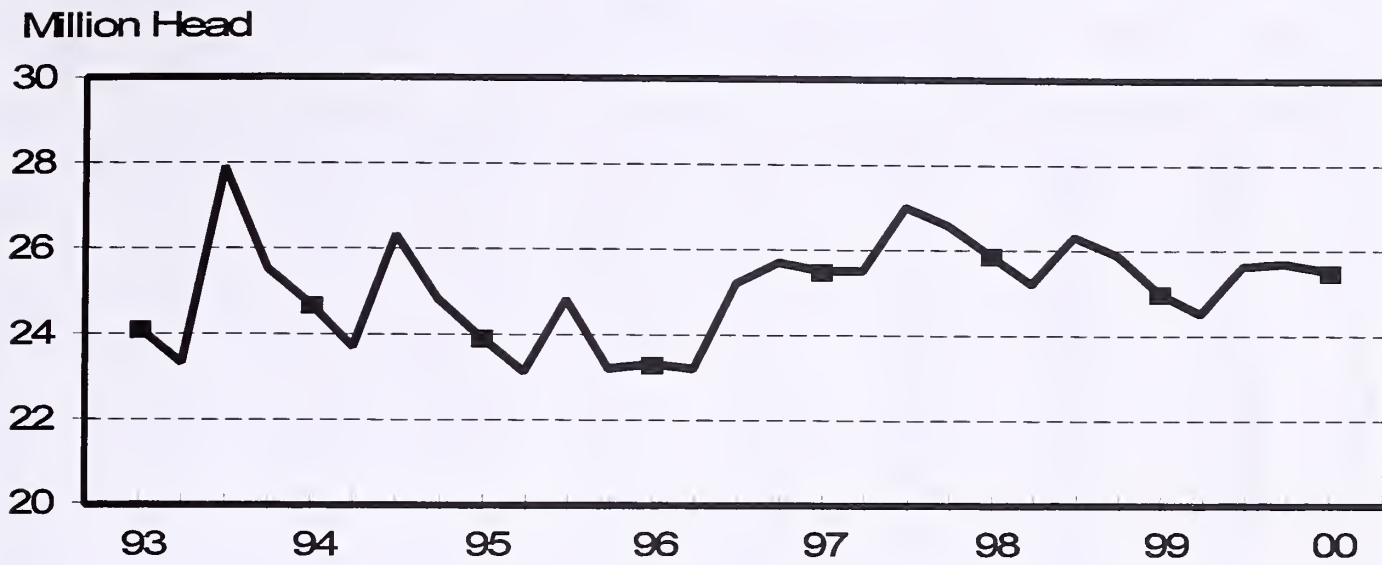
**Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, December-November 1999-2000^{1 2}**

State	Sows Farrowing			Pigs Per Litter		Pig Crop		
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	33.0	29.0	88	8.09	8.41	267.0	244.0	91
AK	0.40	0.23	58	7.25	6.96	2.90	1.60	55
AZ	30.0	25.0	83	9.03	9.00	271.0	225.0	83
AR	223	222	100	8.48	8.89	1,891	1,974	104
CA	43.0	40.0	93	9.28	9.28	399.0	371.0	93
CO	332	350	105	8.43	8.45	2,800	2,957	106
CT	1.00	1.10	110	8.20	8.10	8.20	8.91	109
DE	8.90	8.40	94	8.88	8.69	79.00	73.00	92
FL	16.00	16.00	100	7.00	7.00	112.00	112.00	100
GA	115.0	102.0	89	8.61	8.78	990.0	896.0	91
HI	5.10	5.10	100	7.65	7.06	39.00	36.00	92
ID	5.00	5.00	100	8.20	8.20	41.00	41.00	100
IL	820	825	101	8.64	8.71	7,084	7,189	101
IN	685	610	89	8.68	8.80	5,943	5,370	90
IA	1,980	1,890	95	8.82	8.86	17,471	16,751	96
KS	328	315	96	8.83	8.75	2,897	2,756	95
KY	116.0	91.0	78	8.68	8.52	1,007.0	775.0	77
LA	5.80	5.80	100	7.24	7.24	42.00	42.00	100
ME	2.10	1.90	90	6.50	7.00	13.65	13.30	97
MD	10.00	8.00	80	8.20	8.13	82.00	65.00	79
MA	3.40	3.30	97	7.65	7.58	26.00	25.00	96
MI	192	192	100	8.97	8.98	1,723	1,724	100
MN	1,030	1,040	101	8.97	8.95	9,244	9,310	101
MS	57.5	51.5	90	9.08	9.40	522.0	484.0	93
MO	755	710	94	8.72	8.85	6,587	6,284	95
MT	36.0	33.5	93	9.03	9.07	325.0	304.0	94
NE	640	630	98	8.64	8.84	5,528	5,568	101
NV	1.20	1.20	100	8.20	8.20	9.84	9.84	100
NH	0.90	1.00	111	7.20	7.00	6.48	7.00	108
NJ	2.00	1.30	65	6.58	7.04	13.15	9.15	70
NM	1.10	0.80	73	7.45	7.25	8.20	5.80	71
NY	8.00	15.00	188	8.13	8.60	65.00	129.00	198
NC	2,120	2,145	101	8.88	8.85	18,818	18,985	101
ND	59.0	60.0	102	8.76	8.55	517.0	513.0	99
OH	330	299	91	8.68	8.83	2,863	2,640	92
OK	630	665	106	9.07	9.01	5,716	5,993	105
OR	7.20	6.40	89	8.19	8.44	59.00	54.00	92
PA	184	194	105	8.78	8.73	1,615	1,694	105
RI	0.70	0.85	121	5.20	6.80	3.64	5.78	159
SC	55.0	53.0	96	8.78	8.81	483.0	467.0	97
SD	222	247	111	8.92	8.93	1,981	2,205	111
TN	54.0	67.0	124	8.07	8.28	436.0	555.0	127
TX	151	154	102	9.30	9.45	1,404	1,455	104
UT	97.0	110.0	113	8.62	8.90	836.0	979.0	117
VT	0.70	0.90	129	8.30	8.00	5.81	7.20	124
VA	68.0	65.0	96	9.06	9.31	616.0	605.0	98
WA	7.00	6.50	93	8.71	8.77	61.00	57.00	93
WV	2.00	1.80	90	8.00	7.28	16.00	13.10	82
WI	138	124	90	8.53	8.76	1,177	1,086	92
WY	29.0	32.0	110	8.59	8.75	249.0	280.0	112
US	11,641	11,462	98	8.79	8.84	102,354	101,355	99

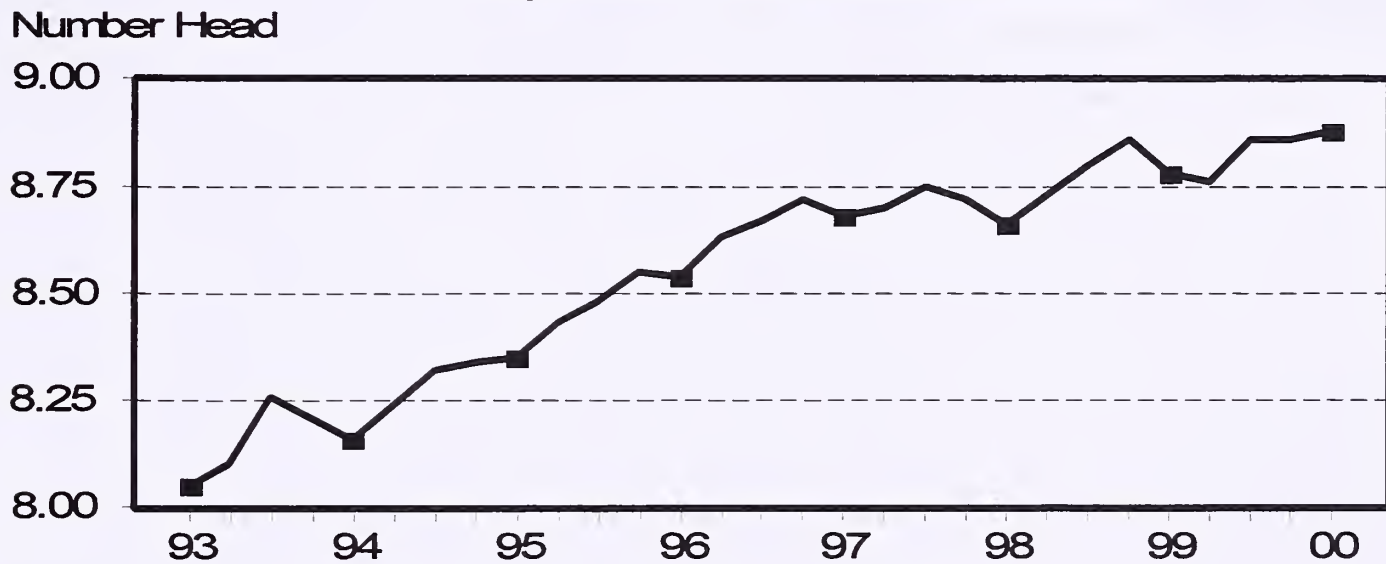
¹ December preceding year.

² May not add due to rounding.

U.S. Quarterly Pig Crop September - November



U.S. Litter Rate September - November



**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, December-February 1999-2001 ^{1 2}**

State	Sows Farrowing				Pigs Per Litter		Pig Crop ³		
	1999	2000	2001 ⁴		1999	2000	1999	2000	
			Number	as % of 2000				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	56	56	55	98	8.40	8.55	470	479	102
CO	73	86	82	95	8.30	8.50	606	731	121
IL	210	205	220	107	8.70	8.70	1,827	1,784	98
IN	185	145	170	117	8.60	8.70	1,591	1,262	79
IA	480	455	450	99	8.70	8.85	4,176	4,027	96
KS	83	74	78	105	8.70	8.70	722	644	89
MI	37	44	49	111	9.00	8.80	333	387	116
MN	255	245	275	112	8.95	8.80	2,282	2,156	94
MO	190	175	175	100	8.60	8.85	1,634	1,549	95
NE	165	160	155	97	8.55	8.75	1,411	1,400	99
NC	530	530	540	102	8.85	8.75	4,691	4,638	99
OH	86	75	79	105	8.50	8.70	731	653	89
OK	150	165	175	106	9.20	8.85	1,380	1,460	106
PA	47	46	52	113	8.70	8.70	409	400	98
SD	50	58	65	112	8.90	8.90	445	516	116
TX	37	36	42	117	9.40	9.50	348	342	98
WI	37	31	35	113	8.35	8.75	309	271	88
Oth Sts ⁵	220	212	209	99	8.54	8.60	1,882	1,823	97
US	2,891	2,798	2,906	104	8.73	8.76	25,247	24,522	97

¹ December preceding year.

² May not add due to rounding.

³ Number of pigs born December-February that were still on hand March 1, or had been sold.

⁴ Intentions.

⁵ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, March-May 1999-2001 ¹**

State	Sows Farrowing				Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ²		
	1999	2000	2001 ³		1999	2000	1999	2000	
			Number	as % of 2000				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	55	55	55	100	8.50	8.50	468	468	100
CO	79	88	80	91	8.50	8.40	672	739	110
IL	210	210	220	105	8.65	8.75	1,817	1,838	101
IN	175	145	165	114	8.70	8.85	1,523	1,283	84
IA	520	495	460	93	8.70	8.90	4,524	4,406	97
KS	85	76	78	103	9.10	8.90	774	676	87
MI	55	50	50	100	8.90	9.00	490	450	92
MN	265	260	275	106	8.95	9.00	2,372	2,340	99
MO	195	180	180	100	8.80	8.80	1,716	1,584	92
NE	165	155	155	100	8.60	8.85	1,419	1,372	97
NC	530	540	540	100	8.90	8.90	4,717	4,806	102
OH	85	75	77	103	8.80	8.90	748	668	89
OK	160	165	175	106	9.10	8.90	1,456	1,469	101
PA	47	48	52	108	8.80	8.80	414	422	102
SD	60	62	67	108	8.90	8.90	534	552	103
TX	37	37	41	111	9.50	9.50	352	352	100
WI	36	30	35	117	8.50	8.85	306	266	87
Oth Sts ⁴	227	219	213	97	8.69	8.77	1,970	1,919	97
US	2,986	2,890	2,918	101	8.80	8.86	26,272	25,610	97

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Number of pigs born March-May that were still on hand June 1, or had been sold.

³ Intentions.

⁴ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, June-August 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Sows Farrowing			Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ²		
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	57	55	96	8.50	9.25	485	509	105
CO	93	90	97	8.60	8.40	800	756	95
IL	200	200	100	8.60	8.70	1,720	1,740	101
IN	170	155	91	8.75	8.75	1,488	1,356	91
IA	490	480	98	9.00	8.80	4,410	4,224	96
KS	82	84	102	8.80	8.80	722	739	102
MI	51	50	98	9.00	9.00	459	450	98
MN	265	260	98	9.00	9.10	2,385	2,366	99
MO	180	180	100	8.80	8.90	1,584	1,602	101
NE	150	160	107	8.65	9.00	1,298	1,440	111
NC	540	540	100	9.00	8.85	4,860	4,779	98
OH	85	75	88	8.70	8.85	740	664	90
OK	165	170	103	9.00	8.90	1,485	1,513	102
PA	44	49	111	8.90	8.70	392	426	109
SD	55	62	113	9.00	9.00	495	558	113
TX	39	43	110	8.90	9.40	347	404	116
WI	34	30	88	8.60	8.90	292	267	91
Oth Sts ³	220	216	98	8.65	8.76	1,900	1,893	100
US	2,920	2,899	99	8.86	8.86	25,862	25,686	99

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Number of pigs born June-August that were still on hand September 1, or had been sold.

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, September-November 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Sows Farrowing			Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ²		
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	55	56	102	8.50	9.25	468	518	111
CO	87	86	99	8.30	8.50	722	731	101
IL	200	210	105	8.60	8.70	1,720	1,827	106
IN	155	165	106	8.65	8.90	1,341	1,469	110
IA	490	460	94	8.90	8.90	4,361	4,094	94
KS	78	81	104	8.70	8.60	679	697	103
MI	49	48	98	9.00	9.10	441	437	99
MN	245	275	112	9.00	8.90	2,205	2,448	111
MO	190	175	92	8.70	8.85	1,653	1,549	94
NE	160	155	97	8.75	8.75	1,400	1,356	97
NC	520	535	103	8.75	8.90	4,550	4,762	105
OH	74	74	100	8.70	8.85	644	655	102
OK	155	165	106	9.00	9.40	1,395	1,551	111
PA	46	51	111	8.70	8.75	400	446	112
SD	57	65	114	8.90	8.90	507	579	114
TX	38	38	100	9.40	9.40	357	357	100
WI	31	33	106	8.70	8.55	270	282	104
Oth Sts ³	214	203	95	8.68	8.77	1,860	1,778	96
US	2,844	2,875	101	8.78	8.88	24,973	25,536	102

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Number of pigs born September-November that were still on hand December 1 or had been sold.

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States December-November 1999-2000^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	960	922	8.81	8.77	8,460	8,091
Jan	954	911	8.63	8.76	8,238	7,977
Feb	977	965	8.75	8.76	8,550	8,454
Mar	991	974	8.78	8.87	8,701	8,647
Apr	1,005	959	8.80	8.84	8,848	8,484
May	990	956	8.81	8.87	8,723	8,479
Jun	980	975	8.88	8.85	8,701	8,626
Jul	973	944	8.85	8.87	8,612	8,370
Aug	967	980	8.84	8.87	8,549	8,690
Sep	970	996	8.83	8.87	8,565	8,835
Oct	950	947	8.74	8.90	8,302	8,428
Nov	924	932	8.77	8.88	8,106	8,274
Total	11,641	11,462	8.79	8.84	102,355	101,355

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

**Monthly Sows and Gilts: Inventory and Number Bred,
United States December-November 2000-2001^{1 2}**

Month	Inventory 1st of Month			Bred during Month		
	2000	2001		2000	2001	
		Number	as % of 2000		Number	as % of 2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dec ²		6,095				
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep				1,234		
Oct	6,072			1,183		
Nov	6,055			1,168		
Total						

¹ Data series beginning October 2000.

² December preceding year.

**Hogs and Pigs: Number of Operations with Hogs,
by State and United States, 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Operation With Hogs	
	1999	2000
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	500	400
AK	60	50
AZ	230	230
AR	1,100	1,100
CA	1,100	900
CO	500	500
CT	250	200
DE	120	130
FL	1,700	1,400
GA	1,400	1,200
HI	230	230
ID	600	400
IL	6,500	5,100
IN	6,200	4,400
IA	14,500	12,300
KS	1,900	1,600
KY	1,400	1,000
LA	600	600
ME	400	400
MD	550	520
MA	450	450
MI	2,100	2,200
MN	7,500	7,300
MS	1,800	1,500
MO	4,000	3,600
MT	600	650
NE	5,000	4,000
NV	100	100
NH	250	250
NJ	450	400
NM	400	400
NY	1,000	1,000
NC	4,000	3,600
ND	760	700
OH	6,000	5,200
OK	2,800	2,700
OR	1,000	1,000
PA	3,400	3,000
RI	60	50
SC	700	700
SD	2,700	1,900
TN	1,700	1,500
TX	4,600	4,300
UT	500	500
VT	250	250
VA	1,200	1,200
WA	850	750
WV	1,100	1,000
WI	3,300	2,700
WY	200	200
US	98,610	85,760

¹ An operation is any place having one or more head of hogs and pigs on hand at any time during the year. Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Hogs and Pigs: Number of Operations by Size Group, Selected
States, Region, and United States, 1999-2000¹**

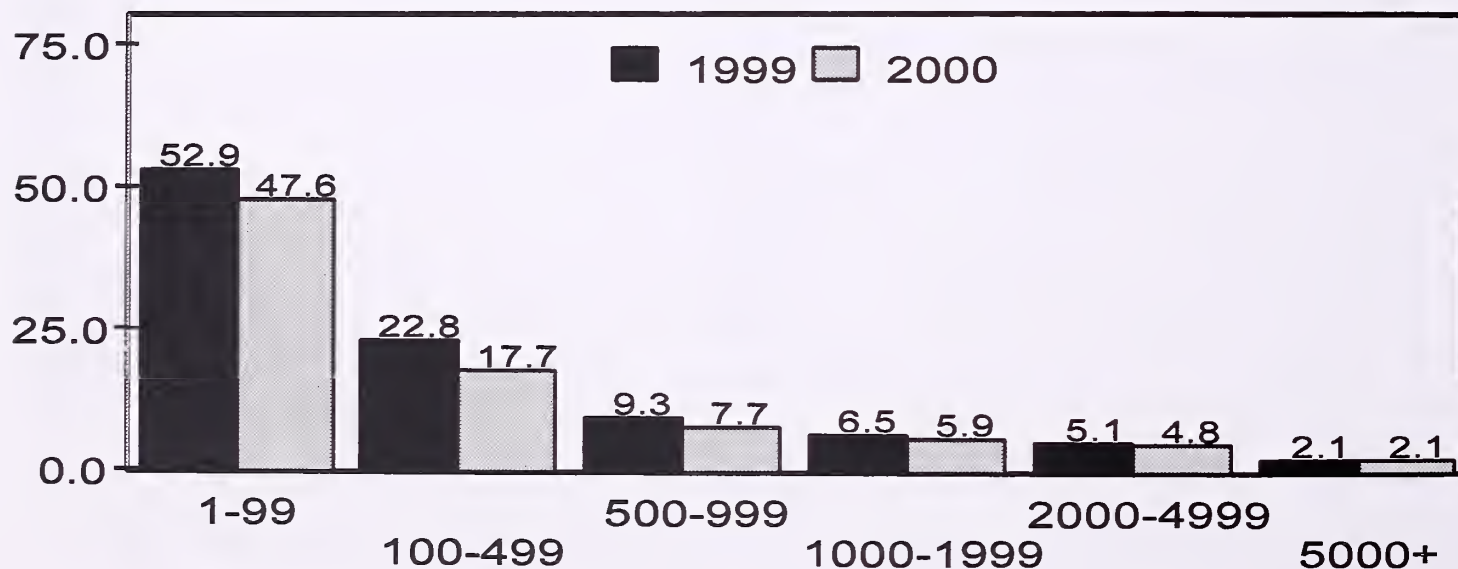
State	Operations Having					
	1-99 Head		100-499 Head		500-999 Head	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AR	680	660	100	100	85	95
CO	390	410	40	35	20	15
IL	2,100	1,800	1,950	1,400	1,200	700
IN	2,400	1,700	2,000	1,200	770	600
IA	2,400	1,900	4,900	4,000	2,800	2,500
KS	900	880	610	330	200	190
MI	1,200	1,400	500	390	100	110
MN	2,200	2,000	2,600	2,500	1,200	1,200
MO	1,900	1,800	1,200	1,200	450	250
NE	1,450	1,400	2,200	1,400	620	580
NC	2,200	1,900	160	100	120	100
OH	3,500	3,000	1,600	1,400	520	450
OK	2,500	2,400	130	120	40	40
PA	2,450	2,100	400	390	230	200
SD	900	800	1,200	600	300	220
TX	4,500	4,190	60	70	15	15
WI	2,200	1,900	800	510	150	120
Oth Sts ²	19,010	17,320	2,360	1,950	435	360
US	52,880	47,560	22,810	17,695	9,255	7,745

See footnotes at end of table.

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U. S. Hog Operations Number by Size Group, 1999-2000

Number (000)



**Hogs and Pigs: Number of Operations by Size Group, Selected
States, Region, and United States, 1999-2000 ¹ (continued)**

State	Operations Having					
	1,000-1,999 Head		2,000-4,999 Head		5,000+ Head	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AR	95	100	95	100	45	45
CO	25	15	5	5	20	20
IL	660	660	460	430	130	110
IN	560	450	380	365	90	85
IA	2,400	2,200	1,600	1,300	400	400
KS	70	85	80	75	40	40
MI	130	140	130	120	40	40
MN	750	750	530	610	220	240
MO	180	130	200	140	70	80
NE	450	300	200	230	80	90
NC	200	180	690	680	630	640
OH	220	200	130	120	30	30
OK	50	50	50	50	30	40
PA	140	125	135	140	45	45
SD	160	130	80	90	60	60
TX	5	5	5	5	15	15
WI	110	110	35	50	5	10
Oth Sts ²	295	240	305	285	105	105
US	6,500	5,870	5,110	4,795	2,055	2,095

¹ An operation is any place having one or more head of hogs and pigs on hand at any time during the year.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

Hogs and Pigs: Percent of Inventory by Size Group, Selected States, Region, and United States, 1999-2000 ¹

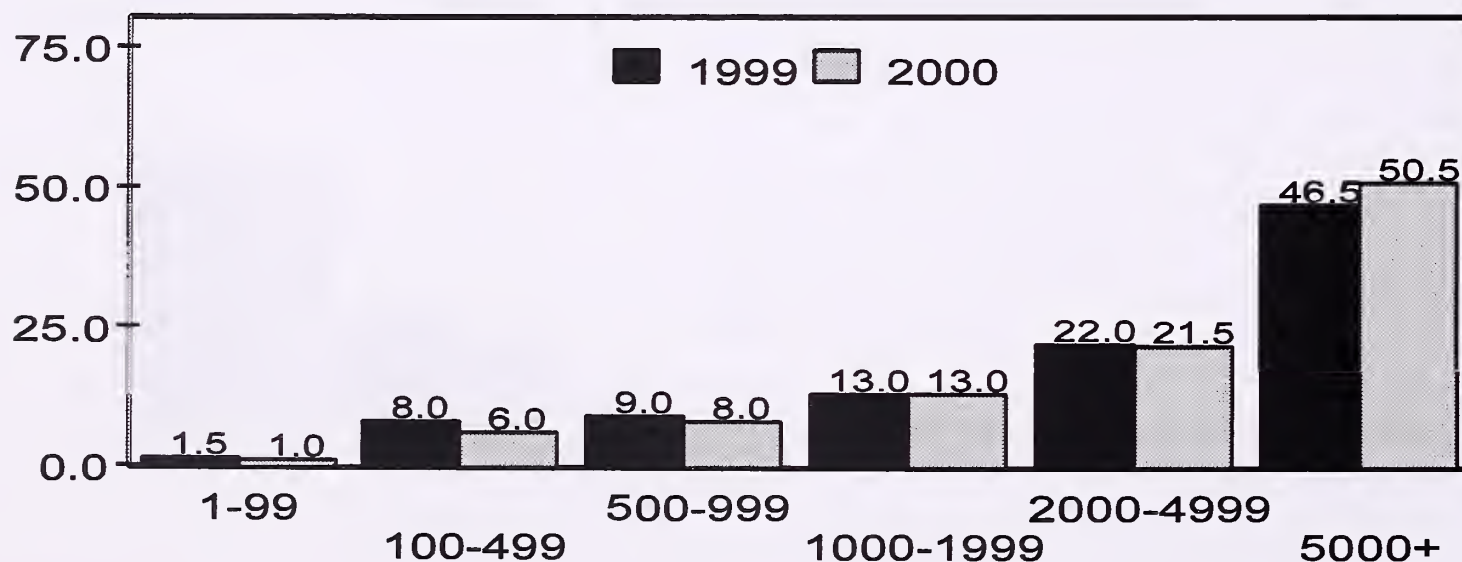
State	Inventory on Operations Having					
	1-99 Head		100-499 Head		500-999 Head	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	7.0
CO	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.0
IL	1.0	1.0	9.0	7.0	14.0	11.0
IN	1.5	1.0	12.0	8.0	13.0	12.0
IA	0.3	0.2	7.5	6.8	11.2	10.0
KS	1.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	6.5	6.5
MI	1.0	1.5	8.0	6.5	6.0	7.0
MN	1.0	1.0	9.0	8.0	12.0	11.0
MO	1.5	1.0	9.0	8.0	6.5	4.5
NE	1.5	1.5	16.5	12.0	13.0	12.5
NC	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.7
OH	5.0	5.0	23.0	20.0	21.0	21.0
OK	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5
PA	3.5	3.0	8.5	9.0	14.0	12.0
SD	2.0	2.0	19.0	10.0	13.0	11.0
TX	7.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	1.5	1.0
WI	8.0	7.0	28.0	20.0	17.0	14.0
Oth Sts ²	2.5	2.5	7.0	6.5	3.5	3.0
US	1.5	1.0	8.0	6.0	9.0	8.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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U. S. Hog Inventory Percent by Size Group, 1999-2000

Percent



Hogs and Pigs: Percent of Inventory by Size Group, Selected States, Region, and United States, 1999-2000 ¹ (continued)

State	Inventory on Operations Having					
	1,000-1,999 Head		2,000-4,999 Head		5,000+ Head	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	14.0	13.0	31.0	32.0	44.0	44.0
CO	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	93.0	94.0
IL	17.0	21.0	29.0	32.0	30.0	28.0
IN	19.0	18.0	25.5	31.0	29.0	30.0
IA	18.0	20.0	28.0	23.0	35.0	40.0
KS	5.5	7.5	13.0	15.0	66.0	66.0
MI	15.0	16.0	37.0	36.0	33.0	33.0
MN	17.0	16.0	22.0	23.0	39.0	41.0
MO	7.0	4.5	14.0	11.0	62.0	71.0
NE	17.0	13.0	18.0	25.0	34.0	36.0
NC	3.2	2.8	22.0	20.0	73.0	76.0
OH	18.0	20.0	22.0	21.0	11.0	13.0
OK	3.0	2.5	6.5	6.5	86.0	87.0
PA	16.0	17.0	30.0	34.0	28.0	25.0
SD	12.0	12.0	16.0	21.0	38.0	44.0
TX	1.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	84.0	88.0
WI	24.0	25.0	16.0	22.0	7.0	12.0
Oth Sts ²	6.0	5.0	16.0	15.0	65.0	68.0
US	13.0	13.0	22.0	21.5	46.5	50.5

¹ An operation is any place having one or more head of hogs and pigs on hand at any time during the year. Percent reflect average distributions based primarily on mid-year surveys.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

Hogs and Pigs: Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Group, Based on Ownership, United States, 1999-2000 ¹

Head	Operations		Percent of Inventory	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1-99	52,900	51,200	1.5	1.5
100-499	21,500	13,700	7.5	5.5
500-999	8,000	5,900	8.0	6.5
1,000-1,999	4,400	3,050	10.5	8.0
2,000-4,999	2,400	2,300	12.0	12.0
5,000-9,999	700	615	8.0	7.5
10,000-19,999	270	260	7.0	7.0
20,000-49,999	115	125	6.0	7.0
50,000+	105	110	39.5	45.0
Total	90,390	77,260		

¹ Own one or more head of hogs and pigs at any time during the year.

Reliability of December 1 Hogs and Pigs Estimates

Survey Procedures: A random sample of 16,500 U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. Data were collected from about 13,900 operations, 84 percent of the total sample, during the first-half of December by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of December 1.

Estimation Procedures: These hogs and pigs estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from past years using a balance sheet. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds to it estimates of births and imports, and subtracts estimates of slaughter, exports, and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared to the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve quarter to quarter relationships. Estimates for the previous four quarters are subject to revision when current estimates are made. In December, estimates for all quarters of the current and previous year are reviewed. The reviews are primarily based on hog check-off receipts and slaughter. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Agriculture five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Since all operations raising hogs are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The affects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "**Root Mean Square Error**" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the difference between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for hog inventory estimates over the past 20 quarters is 1.8 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 59.8 million head by more than 1.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.1 percent.

Reliability of December 1 Hog Estimates ¹

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90% Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates			Quarters	
				Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
All Hogs & Pigs	1.8	3.1	1,855	701	40	2,820	11	9
Pig Crop	1.7	3.0	766	302	3	1,009	11	9
Expected Farrowings								
Next Quarter	2.4	4.1	119	48	1	161	11	9
Following	4.7	8.1	236	96	10	380	10	10

¹ Based on quarterly records for the past 20 quarters.

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